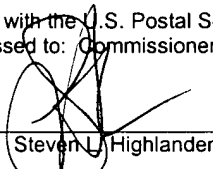


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In re Application of:  
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
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Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including December 13, 2001 in which to respond to the final Office Action dated August 13, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$55.00) for a one-month extension of time.

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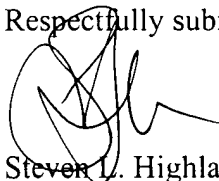
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